

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 706

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend William E. "Willie"
McDonald upon receiving a 2009 Sage Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennessee citizens, who through their extraordinary professional and personal efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors is William E. "Willie" McDonald, who was honored as a recipient of the Sage Award on September 24, 2009 in homage to his many years of public service to his community; and

WHEREAS, each year the Sage Awards, given by the Council on Aging of Greater Nashville, honor older adults who, through a lifetime commitment to community service, have made outstanding contributions to improving the quality of life in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald, a native of Monterey, Tennessee, moved to Nashville with his beloved parents and ten brothers and sisters in 1938 before making Donelson his home in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald served with acumen and alacrity for fifty-two years at Third National Bank before joining CedarStone Bank, which his proud son, Bob McDonald, was instrumental in founding; his friendship and counsel are highly valued by his colleagues at CedarStone Bank where he employs his considerable talents for more than forty hours every week as a Business Development Officer in the Donelson Branch; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a wise and diligent businessman, Willie McDonald is a dedicated civic leader who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous boards and organizations, including the Nashville Convention Center Authority, FiftyForward, the Nashville and Donelson-Hermitage Chambers of

Commerce, McKendree Village Foundation, McElroy Foundation, Star Spangled Salute, Ladies Hermitage Association, American Cancer Society, Metropolitan Nashville Development Board, American Heart Association, Family and Children's Services, Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, Boy Scouts of America, Easter Seal Society, Junior League of Nashville, Donelson Christian Academy, McGavock High School's PENCIL program, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, in response to his tireless endeavors and multitude of achievements, Mr. McDonald has won the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow citizens, earning him the honorary title of Mayor of Donelson; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Willie McDonald is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of fifty-six years, Helen, and their two sons, Bill and Bob, and their five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald's remarkable success as a businessman and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work, common sense, and uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he is wholly deserving of a 2009 Sage Award and recognition by this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend William E. McDonald upon receiving a 2009 Sage Award, offer our gratitude for the many significant and meritorious contributions he has made to this great State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.